

**Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th, 2023, 3:00pm
City Hall – Caldwell Park Room 2nd Floor
777 Cypress Avenue, Redding CA**

MEMBERS	Title/Agency	Present	Absent
Tracie Neal	Chief of Probation - Chairperson	X	
Bill Schueller	City of Redding Police Chief	X	
Michael Johnson	Shasta County Sheriff	X	
Stephanie Bridgett	Shasta County District Attorney	X	
William Bateman	Shasta County Public Defender	X	
Melissa Fowler-Bradley	Shasta County Superior Court		X
Laura Burch	Agency Director of Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency (HSA)	X	

Attendees:

Chelsey Chappelle, Carol Ulloa, Eric Jones, Michael Flynn, Melanie Jarrett, Katy Payne-Scates, Daren Fisher – **Shasta County Probation**
 Nolda Short – **Shasta County Auditor Controller’s Office**
 Jenn Rossi – **Shasta County Administrative Office**
 Benjamin Hanna, Angie Mellis, Nicola Strachan – **Shasta County District Attorney’s Office**
 Christy Coleman – **Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**
 Brian Jackson – **Shasta County Sheriff’s Office**
 Shawn Watts – **Shasta County Superior Court**
 Wesley Tucker – **Shasta County Veterans Services**
 Tara Levin – **Geo Reentry Services Shasta Day Reporting Center**
 Robert Bowman – **Shasta College STEP-UP Program**
 Steve Kohn – **Community Member**

Meeting Overview

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Bridgett moved to approve minutes for the February 15th, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Schueller. Motion passed: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstention from Laura Burch.

Financial Report

Financial Report on the State allocation to Shasta County

Jenn Rossi shared state revenues are trending lower than anticipated over the last 6 months. The allocation has been consistent and staying on track.

Discussion Items

- A. *Committee members will receive a presentation from District Attorney staff on the DA Misdemeanor Diversion Program.*

Benjamin Hanna provided copies of a PowerPoint handout. Benjamin shared the Misdemeanor Diversion Program has been funded by the CCP for several years and it is designed to divert low level drug offenders from the criminal justice system without filing criminal charges to benefit individuals and the community. He explained how the program works, who best fits the program and how these cases are handled. Benjamin said one of the biggest challenges is getting participants to engage. This program is staffed with one Deputy District Attorney and one Crime Victims Assistance Center Advocate so persons can be screened and assessed. Program challenges are the lack of motivation for participants, the pandemic, the new case management system, and the statute of limitations of one year. Benjamin said the DA filed 5,901 misdemeanor drug cases between 2017 and 2022, 451 individuals were referred to the program, and 20 individuals successfully completed the program. Benjamin explained the District Attorney Office is expanding their program beyond misdemeanor drug offenses to pre-filing and post-filing of any nonserious misdemeanor using Advent eLearning. Advent is a customizable online diversion course based on the offense and the individual's needs.

- B. *Committee members will receive a presentation from District Attorney staff on the DA Victim Witness Program.*

Angela Mellis shared the CCP provides funds for one Crime Victims Assistance Center Advocate, or AB109 Restitution Advocate. This advocate is used to reduce the amount of times cases are returned to court because restitution has been reserved at the initial sentencing. Over the lifetime of this program there has been a reduced rate of cases returning to court due to the restructuring of the process prior to sentencing by the advocate.

- C. *Committee members will receive a presentation from Division Director Carol Ulloa on the Proposition 47 Program and closure of the grant.*

Tracie Neal opened with an overview of the grant. She said the grant covered a three-year time frame, which closed in December 2022 and Shasta County did not receive 4th round funding.

Carol Ulloa provided a handout and shared the program served 116 individuals. A lot of these referrals came from the Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's Office. Probation would go through the misdemeanor Court calendars and contact the people who needed to go to Court and give them information on the program. Some participated in the program, but many declined these services. Fifty six percent of the participants were male, 68% were unemployed, 55% were homeless, and 6% were in residential treatment or sober living. Probation focused on substance issues, homelessness, and mental illness. Hill Country did assessments for this population and there was not a lot of engagement by the participants due to mental illness. When participants were surveyed, the number one reason for

failures to appear was because the participants felt they couldn't afford their fines and fees, the second reason was transportation, the third was forgetting their court date, and the fourth reason was they felt the agencies involved in the justice system didn't care. At the beginning of the program, 94% of the participants had a history of failing to appear in court at least once. By the end of the program there were no failures to appear and only 6 participants who received a new conviction after enrollment in the program. The final evaluation report will be posted on the BSCC website.

Question: Do you have any insight on why the BSCC didn't pick Shasta County up for funding?

Carol shared this program was beneficial and the Court hated to see the program end, but these grants are very competitive. Hill Country's intent was to fund the case managers through another funding stream to provide these services because there were still some participants in treatment, but they no longer have a case manager. Tracie said Covid really impacted the number of people served. HHSA did provide additional funding to provide enhanced services as well. Chelsey shared Covid put more of a time crunch on being able to provide services, but the case managers were huge in removing barriers for this population. Tracie added Hill County is still interested in working with this population and utilizing the Medi-Cal benefits for substance use.

Action Items

There were no Action Items.

Operational Updates

Robert Bowman thanked everyone who came out for the Step-Up graduation on May 11, 2023 and shared there were 20 graduates. Two Step-Up graduates selected for Student of The Year were CCP funded. The regular commencement ceremony for Shasta College students is Friday, May 19, 2023. Shasta College is also working on building another dorm. This will be a long project.

Robert announced he is working with Shasta and Tehama County Probation for the Youth Justice Program to secure the Rising Scholars grant, which is due June 5, 2023. This will provide support and resources, like textbooks and laptops for youth who are in and out of juvenile facilities or secure track youth. This will also support youth in other areas who don't have the Rising Scholars Program.

Tara Levin announce the DRC just had their Aftercare and Alumni BBQ. There were two aftercare participants who graduated in January. These participants shared their experience with others who are entering the aftercare program. The DRC will have a booth at the Minds Matter Mental Health Resource Fair and there will be staff and DRC participants manning the booth, so the participants can give back to the community.

Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items

Tracie Neal noted items to be discussed at future meetings.

Tracie wanted to see how the group felt about the DRC Annual Report presentation being in October instead of September this year as Danielle Gerhung will not be available in September. October was agreed upon. Robert Bowman offered to do the Step-Up presentation in September.

Meeting Schedules

Full Committee September 13, 2023, City Hall – Civic Center Community Room 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Executive Committee October 18, 2023, City Hall – Caldwell Park Room 2nd Floor 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Adjourn

Stephanie Bridgett made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Schueller. Motion to Adjourn was passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 0 Abstentions. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

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